

# Councilman rescinds resignation, council unsure

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Staff Writer

"Should I stay or should I go?"

It wouldn't be surprising if that song flashed through the mind of Councilman Charles Miller last week. Miller, who abruptly resigned from the council two weeks ago, has apparently had a change of heart.

"I have officially reconsidered my resignation," said Miller. "I have done so because of the outpouring of support I have received during the last two weeks."

Miller said that he has received more than 100 phone calls from residents asking him to reconsider, as well as people showing up at his doorstep.

"I have had people come to my door and ask me to reconsider that I did not even know," said Miller. "People I didn't even know were residents in Romulus have swayed me to change my mind."

Miller said he became upset during a Sept. 13 study session during a discussion of the city water shut-off policy. He brought up a phone call that he received from a handicapped Romulus resident who had their water shut off. According to Miller, Mayor Alan Lambert laughed at

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him and said, "Oh Miller, you just want to help everyone."

"My job is to help people," said Miller in response to Lambert's laughter. "I have watched this guy (Lambert) smirk for the last two and a half years as I have tried to get things done in this community to help the residents. I allowed the righteous indignation to swell up in me and I acted hastily."

He then left the council chambers in the middle of the session. He returned shortly before the beginning of the council meeting that night and handed his letter of resignation to City Clerk Linda Choate.

Prior to the Sept. 27 meeting, Miller made his intent to rescind his resignation known to other city council members.

But, Miller said, he doesn't believe the council wants him back to serve out his term.

"I'm not one of the boys," said Miller. "The only person up there who is dedicated to serving the best interest of the public with me is Councilwoman Debbie Romak. The rest of them just go along with whatever this administration says and they don't like the fact that I won't do that."

Lambert said that Miller's statements are untrue.

"The very members that Miller is speaking of are the ones that are able to put their political and personal differences aside for the good of the community," said Lambert. "They are people of integrity who work long hours helping to be part of the solution for this city, while others seem to push their own personal agenda."

Lambert said that he thought it was a shame that Miller hastily submitted his resignation, but that he believes that the current city council has been able to make great strides working together as a team.

But there may be a larger issue plaguing the situation. There is a legal question regarding Miller's ability to rescind his resignation, once submitted.

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## Open house

Parents and students welcomed the new school year with annual open house gatherings that took place last week at individual schools within the Romulus School District. Hale Creek open house visitors included (above, left to right): Linda Bondie with her son, Nicholas; Karrie McDonald with her son, Christian and daughter, Kylie; and Candy Miller with her son David. Nakisha Hogan brought Caleb Baker, Nakia Morgan, Nichelle Baker and Taylor Baker to the Merriman open house.

## Students learn value of respect in school program

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Students at Romulus Elementary School will learn a thing or two about respect this year with the new Dare to Care program, according to Principal Lynne Mossoian.

"Respect has been our school theme for the last year," said Mossoian. "This year we just decided to do a twist on it."

The Dare to Care program includes three different aspects of respect; respect for self, respect for others and respect for school property.

"We spend a lot of time about respect throughout the school year," said Mossoian. "We teach our students the value of respect through a number of different ways and activities."

The school year the program began at a school assembly where all of the students received Dare

to Care bracelets to remind them of respect.

Mossoian then met with each grade separately to explain the expectations the school has of the students.

"I have found that kids are a lot like adults," said Mossoian. "They like to be informed of what is expected of them up front."

Students must learn to respect themselves, said Mossoian. She stressed to students that they should only do things that would help them achieve a successful and healthy future.

She then told students that they must respect other students and teachers, courtesy, fairness and truthfulness.

She also talked about respecting school property and taking care of things that belong to individual students and things that

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# New Wayne County program allows area senior citizens to surf the internet

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Senior citizens in Romulus are now able to surf the World Wide Web thanks to the Connecting with Partners program, according to Angela Williams of the Wayne County Department of Technology.

"This is a great program that is bringing computer and Internet access to many people who otherwise would not have it," said Williams.

Connecting with Partners is a 3-year initiative facilitated by Wayne County to bring refurbished computers into low income communities.

Romulus was one of the first communities to receive the computers. Two computers were delivered to the Romulus Senior Center in early September for use by community members, according to Alice Gilbert, the chore service provider for the center.

"We have had some seniors in

to use the new computers," said Gilbert. "I think the seniors will take advantage of them more once the new senior center is built."

Williams said that the program is not only the work of Wayne County. Many other businesses had a part in providing the computers and access.

"The computers we are using are actually from the state," said Williams. "The county purchases the computers at a low cost and then refurbishes them to be used in the different communities."

Along with the state, Wayne County has also entered into

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# Charity walk planned in Metro Park Saturday

The Michigan Chapter of the American Liver Foundation is taking strides to generate awareness and funds for the fight against liver disease.

The 4th annual Michigan Liver Walk will take place Saturday at the Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville.

Jennifer Dale, executive director of the foundation, said that for the first time in chapter history, the group will host simultaneous liver walks in both Belleville and Grand Rapids.

"Not only is the Metropark in Belleville a great park to have the walk in, but we have it there so that everyone in the downriver communities can participate," she said.

Last year, the walk generated more than \$25,000. Dale said that the goal this year will be even higher—\$35,000.

"We usually have more than 300 people participate and the registrations seem to be coming in fast and furious," she said.

Registration can be completed up to or on the day of the walk, when it will begin at 9 a.m.

A warm-up, announcements and pictures will follow at 9:45 a.m. The walk will start at 10 a.m. and will end at 11:30 a.m. with the awards ceremony.

WYCD country radio station personalities and a local magician will provide entertainment.

Pre-registration is \$10 and includes a

walk t-shirt. Children younger than 10 accompanied by an adult are free.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for both corporate and community teams, too. Corporate sponsors can give a general donation and will be recognized publicly before and after the event.

"We don't require a set amount to be given to the walk, but we encourage everyone to get sponsors from around the area," said Dale.

All the proceeds will go to benefit people with liver disease.

"The walk is not only a fundraising event, but also an educational experience," said Dale. "Unfortunately, liver disease is affiliated with people who live certain lifestyles. We use the walk to give the participants the opportunity to meet people with liver disease who are living a full life."

The Michigan Chapter of the American Liver Foundation was formed more than 4 years ago to raise awareness about hepatitis and other liver diseases. The foundation and their medical advisory board work to organize liver update presentations, along with other programs and services for the Michigan liver community, according to the organization.

"I believe fully in non-profit work and I like the opportunity that the foundation is not only about people who are infected with liver disease, but the people who are also

affected by it, such as friends and family," said Dale.

Volunteers are needed and wanted for before and at the event and, just like the walkers, volunteers can collect contributions and win great prizes, said Dale.

Future fundraising events for the Michigan chapter foundation include the Inaugural Flavor of Michigan in February and the annual Bid for Life in the spring.

"This is really a disease that has been quieted, so our role is to make people understand it," she said.

"One in 10 Americans are infected with liver disease and more than 2,500 children are diagnosed with it each year," Dale added. "Hepatitis C is the most commonly known liver disease and within the next 10 years, the Hepatitis C epidemic will cause more deaths annually than AIDS. We want to spread the education on liver disease to reduce stigmatism with advocacy efforts."

For more information about the Belleville Liver Walk or the Michigan Chapter of the American Liver Foundation, visit [www.liverfoundation.org/michigan](http://www.liverfoundation.org/michigan).

## Girlstown Foundation presents award

The Girlstown Foundation, located in Belleville, recently awarded Barbara Thacker the 2004 Wings of Excellence Award at the Girlstown Foundation Board of Directors Annual Ingathering, which celebrated 46 years of service in the Belleville community.

The award was given to Thacker for her outstanding contribution to the agency. She has been with the foundation since August of 1999 where she began as a case manager in the six-bed group home for the Transitional Treatment Program (TTP).

In October of 1999, she became a program manager. Now, she is program manager for the Supervised Independent Program (SIL).

Through her efforts, the TTP and SIL

programs have successfully helped many girls transition into stable, independent living situations such as colleges, universities, technical schools, the armed services and working fulltime.

Thacker is also working very close with the Jim Casey Foundation, which assures youth of having a pool of money to support the transition into independence.

Officials are still seeking provider families for the growing number of adolescents being referred to the program. Provider families have a landlord-tenant relationship with clients and also act as a role model and mentor.

Girlstown Foundation is one of only a few independent living programs contracted through the Family Independence Agency (FIA).

### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID Bid 04105-13 Remanufactured Workstations for Community Development Department

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: [romuluspurchasing@icwww.net](mailto:romuluspurchasing@icwww.net)
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 10:00am, Tuesday, October 26, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

**BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:**

**CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**BID Bid 04/05-13 - Remanufactured Workstations for Community Development Department**  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID Bid 04/05-11

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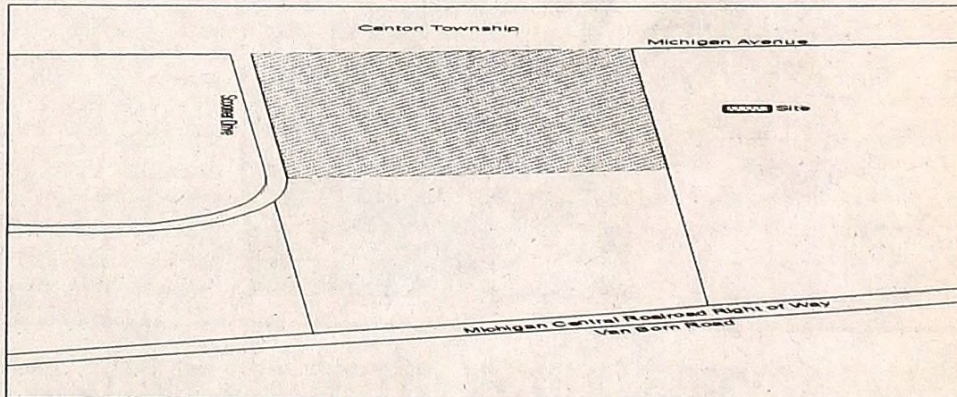
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday October 13, 2004 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

This is a portion of parcel with the tax ID number V125-83-017-99-0014-701. This property is located on the east side of Schooner Drive between Beck and Denton Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below.



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for outside storage per Section 16.03 (a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m., October 13, 2004, the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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Students at Romulus Elementary School are taking part in the Dare to Care program, which teaches students the value of respecting themselves and others. Students received a Dare to Care bracelet during a school assembly.

## Respect

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are shared.

"This theme of respect will be carried on in team talk, which is done at the classroom level," said Mossoian. "We also do a lot of role playing, teaching students to respect themselves and others."

Since the inception of the

respect theme 4 years ago, Mossoian said there is a notable difference in the students.

"The kids that have been here for a least 2 years, we can see a difference," said Mossoian. "For new students it takes a little bit of time to become familiar with our program."

Mossoian said the difference can even be seen in the lan-

guage that students use during a situation.

"We teach our students different strategies and phrases to say in different types of situations," said Mossoian. "And when something does happen, a lot of the time you hear the students use the phrases they have been taught to use to respect other people. That is the rewarding part of the program."

## Resignation

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According to City Attorney Barry Seifman, Miller's resignation became official when the letter was filed in the clerk's office, or so he believes.

"I have a gut instinct that there is a vacancy as of right now," said Seifman.

But no one on council or the administration could determine what action to take on the matter.

Mayor Pro-tem Randolph Gear said this is a first for him in his 17 years of sitting on the council.

"This is new ground," said Gear. "We don't want to act on this hastily."

Gear instructed Seifman to do research to help determine if Miller can, in fact, simply withdraw his resignation and finish his term on the council.

Although council will not have the results of that research until the next meeting, they were

required by the charter to take some type of action at the meeting this week.

After some discussion, council members voted unanimously to acknowledge, not accept, Miller's resignation.

There was a specific difference between the two words. According to Seifman by acknowledging the resignation, council would just be acknowledging that they received the letter. An acceptance of the resignation would mean that Miller had resigned and, at that point, council would be forced to fill the vacancy, a process that some council members seemed anxious to get started.

Councilman Michael Prybyla said that since the letter of resignation was received, the council has received several letters of interest to fill the vacancy.

Councilman William Wadsworth said that the vacancy should be filled by the person who received the next highest number of votes in the 2001 elec-

tion. That would be Michael Wojtylko, who received 46 less votes than Prybyla, who finished in seventh place and won the final council seat.

However, Romak believes that Miller deserves a second chance to serve out his term.

"No one can understand the pressure of being up there until they are there," said Romak. "I think we should extend the same compassion that Miller has shown throughout his term to the residents of this city and allow him to rescind the resignation. If we don't, it will be a disservice to the people who put him there."

Miller says he is acting on the will of the people at the request of the people who put him in office.

"The people in this community elected me and when the chips were down they came to me and supported me and I want to serve out my term and the give the people of this city what they asked for," said Miller. "And that is exactly what I plan to do."

## Computers

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partnerships with Microsoft, Comcast and Dell computers to make the program possible.

Williams said that Microsoft has donated the software for the computers.

Dell has provided extended warranties and free technical support and Comcast has provided free installation and Internet service at a low rate.

"With the help of these compa-

nies, we are going to be able to help many different communities throughout Wayne County during the next 3 years," said Williams.

At this point seven sites are operational. More than 35 will receive the computers. Williams said the computers would be in community centers, churches and mosques.

"We saw that there was really a need in these low-income communities," said Williams. "They will do a great service to the residents."

Williams said that many people are using computers that

have never before had the opportunity.

"We have heard that some people are using the computers to actually take classes online," said Williams.

No one in Romulus is taking classes online yet, but seniors are having some fun on the computer, according to Gilbert.

"We have seniors come in and play games on it right now," said Gilbert.

Williams said at least 500 sites would be set up in the Wayne County area during the next 3 years.

# Dog training facility to expand program

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Man's best friend will soon have a place to improve skills and practice public safety training techniques.

The Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team (MTROT) is creating a facility especially for dog training. The newest trainer in the organization—Patrick Currey, owner of K9 Operations and Currey's Family Pet Care—will spearhead the operation.

The team is an 85-member group of fire and police workers who lend their skills to search and rescue missions all over the world. The 12 team dogs assist in missions that range in location all over Michigan, according to the organization.

The group approached Currey because his years of experience and expertise in the field. He spent 8 years in detection work in the Army and worked all over the United States for the border protection and K-9 unit.

"My interest is having great public safety teams out there and we will have the ability to offer that," said Currey.

Earlier this year, Currey purchased the property from Terry and Diana Shoenbach, formally of the Van Buren Township K-9 unit police service. He said that he purchased the land—located on the border of Romulus and Van Buren Township—in hopes to bring a bigger interest to police and civilian training in the Belleville area.

"This will be a first in Wayne County. People need something like this in the area," he said. "We welcome all dogs, all people and any police department who wants to come out and train."

Recently, the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club hosted the 2nd Annual Tails and Trails Charity Dog Walk. The \$20 per dog cost was donated to MTROT to generate funds for the new training facility. Last year, the event brought in \$2,800. This year, \$1,800 was generated.

Although not constructed yet, Currey said that the facility will be an asset in the field. One side

of it will be dedicated to civilian training and the other will be for public safety training.

The civilian training area will include both indoor and outdoor obedience training, an agility course, a pond for dock-jumping dogs, walking trails, a retail shop and a waiting room.

The public safety area will include: several search and rescue rubble piles, water training for search dogs and a havoc course. There will be a nominal membership fee, Currey said.

"I want to make it so people can come out, use it and not worry about the price," he said. "It will be affordable for everyone."

The site also comes with wetland property, which Currey hopes he can develop to include more animal habitat.

"With search and rescue, the training has to be as realistic as possible," he said.

One example—the rubble course.

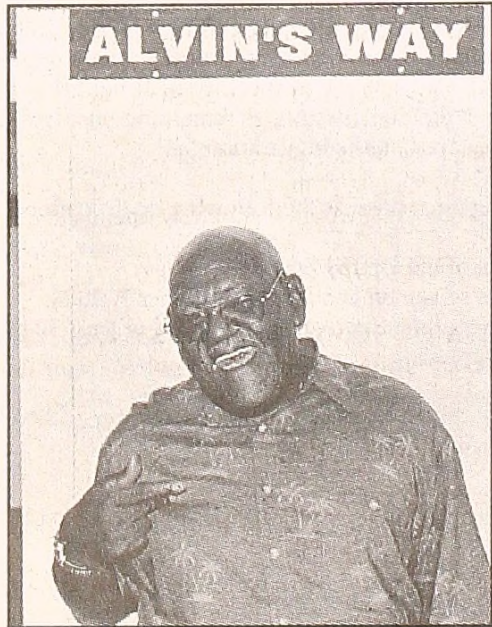
It is designed to stimulate real-life scenarios while still making sure that the dog and the handlers are safe. The key is creating a different environment that can be permanent, but realistic at the same time, he said.

The confidence course, or havoc course is another example. It is designed to create controlled chaos making it possible for the dogs to learn emergency situations as best as they possibly can, according to Currey.

"Not just any dog can go out and do those types of things," he said. "You can't recreate a disaster, but you can teach them a situation that is the same. You have to get the dogs to learn to like it."

And while Currey stressed the importance of the public safety sector of the facility, he did not leave out the importance of the civilian training area.

"I love that I can use what I have so that all dog people can enjoy it. We are here for the customers and their dogs," he said. "Now, people will have a place to come out, do training and be active. They don't have the capability to do these types of things at home and I believe it is an important part of structure for dogs. Here, they can have that."



## 'Way' to go

Retiring Romulus Middle School custodian, Alvin Dupree, was given something not many school employees have, his own hallway. After 42 years with the Romulus schools, school officials named one of the school hallways, Alvin's Way.



# Belleville prepares for 4th Harvest Walk

Belleville is preparing for the biggest city crop yet—the 4th Annual Harvest Fest.

Event organizers—volunteers and employees at the Fred C. Fischer Library and the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society—along with The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, the Business and Professional Women (BPW), The Central Business Community (CBC) and area newspapers will host the festival all day long Saturday Oct. 16. This year, the festival will include free demonstrations and activities, a craft show, a farmer's market and other ongoing daily events.

Located on Fourth Street at the museum and library in downtown Belleville, the festival will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Debbie Green, Harvest Fest committee member, said that the family event brings in a crowd of about 300 people.

"The great thing about the festival is all the hands-on activities for the kids that are free," she said.

The event began in 2001 when members of the Friends of the Library and the museum historical society had the idea of starting an annual event to promote the fall season in the area, according to Green.

"Simultaneously, the Farmer's Market was started by Kay Atkins and Steve Walters, and they were selling pumpkin items and doing fall activities, so we decided to combine the two and it just grew from there," she said.

Green said that although the events are geared toward children, there is something for everyone to enjoy, including an all-day Farmer's Market, a craft show and plenty of homemade food and goodies.

New this year, the Harvest Fest Craft Show will take place on Charles Street between the First United Methodist Church and the library from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival will also feature demonstrations and hands-on activities including: a petting farm, candle dipping, Indian corn

jewelry, corn shelling, wood carving, antique tractors, felt making, apple head dolls, pony cart rides, butter churning, corn husk dolls, stenciling, quilting, lace making, stained glass demonstrations, apple pressing and face painting. The events will take place both outside the library and the museum.

Children can also participate in a scavenger hunt from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a pie eating contest from 2-3 p.m. and a nickel/leaf

dig from 3-4 p.m. Various prizes and toys will be awarded as well.

"The kids really love the leaf dig and the pony rides. They're lined up all day for them," said Green.

Group members also serve homemade soup, chili, smoked sausage and sauerkraut, hotdogs, chips, drinks and desserts for visitors.

For more information visit [www.belleville.lib.mi.us/friends.htm](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/friends.htm).

## Township programs offered

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department will host a variety of activities at township hall throughout the fall for children.

Classes that the township is offering include: Baby Bop n' Bach class with two sessions now through Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 through Nov. 20; Toddling Toddlers and Tunes now through Oct. 16 and Oct. 23

through Nov. 20; Theater Movement now through Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 through Nov. 22; Kids in Motion now through Oct. 16 and Oct. 23- Nov. 20; the ABC's of Acting now through Oct. 18 and Oct. 25 through Nov. 22; Make It, Take It class from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. today through Dec. 2 and math tutoring on Saturday through Nov. 20. Times for classes vary.

### NOTICE CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the "Michigan Election Laws" that I, the undersigned City Clerk for the City of Romulus, will upon any day except Sunday, a legal holiday and the day of any regular or special election, receive application for registration from any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the day of the CLOSE of registration for the General Election and the day of such election.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State Branch Office, or in the Office of the City Clerk, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors that shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election shall be entered on the registration list.

Each person registering must possess the following qualifications:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must be 18 years of age on or before November 2, 2004.
3. Must be a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days and a resident of the City of Romulus.

Public notice is hereby given as provided for in Section 168.653a of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda Choate  
City Clerk

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## CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 18, 2004**, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 6.015+ acres **DP#, 82-80-001-99-0008-704** from C-2, General Business District to M-2, General Industrial District. The subject site is located on the south side of Van Born Road west of Inkster Road. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Map details: The subject site is a large parcel on the west side of Inkster Road, south of Van Born Road. It is adjacent to several other parcels with zoning designations B2a2, B2a1, B2a3a1, and B1a2 -- B2a3b1a. The map includes a north arrow and labels for the City of Westland, City of Taylor, and a creek.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, October 18, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
City Clerk

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# New laws may help limit Canadian trash

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Staff Writer

Michigan legislators took another step forward in the battle to stop Canadian trash from entering Michigan last week. Congressman John Dingell (D-Dearborn) received good news as the House Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Waste approved his legislation by a 12 to 4 vote. The bill would require the federal government to take the best interest of state and local communities into consideration as it regulates the importation of waste. It would also allow states to limit

waste and includes a provision to ban foreign waste. "I am pleased that they recognized that Congress should act to provide all states with the necessary authority to place reasonable controls on unwanted shipments of out-of-state waste, and in Michigan's case, trash coming from Canada," said Dingell. Other Michigan officials, such as State Rep. Kathleen Law (D-Gibraltar) have also been pushing for stricter enforcement of trash coming into Michigan. In July, Law went to Toronto to discuss how the waste coming into Michigan-particularly Sumpter Township, where

the city ships 100 percent of its trash to the Carleton Landfill-affects the surrounding residents. Toronto officials said that they will look for alternative dumping sites in hopes to stop dumping in Michigan by 2010. According to officials, Wayne County has recorded a 56 percent increase in out-of-state and Canadian trash, and a 63 percent increase in the amount of imported trash being dumped into the Carleton Farms Landfill.

"Toronto is using Detroit as its dumping ground," said Dingell. "Nearly 200 trucks of waste that cross the bridge from Canada on a daily basis are more than just a nuisance. They pose an environmental risk, are a detriment to our roads, a possible security risk, and are a potential health hazard." For now, Dingell said that he hopes the administration will comply with the requirements of the treaty to implement the "notice of consent" provisions.

# Calling all ghosts and goblins

Van Buren Township wants residents to join them for a howling good time throughout the month of October when they host a haunted forest, a 'Not-So-Scary Haunted House Forest' and a coloring contest for preschool aged children up to sixth graders. See the crazy mixed-up Dr. Evil and his mad scientist's lab at the haunted forest open from 7:30-10:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30, located at the Van Buren Park off the South I-94 Service Drive between Belleville and Rawsonville Road. The cost is \$8 per person. Group rates are available in advance. It is not recommended for small children.

The Not-So-Scary Haunted Forest will take place from 5-8 p.m. Friday and

Saturday at Van Buren Park. The cost is \$5 per child and is recommended for toddlers to 12 years of age. Kettlecorn, cider and doughnuts will be sold at an additional cost. Other activities will be available as well. Take a walk through the delightful, not frightful, haunted trail. Children can pick up a coloring page from the community services desk. All entries must be received by today. For more information, check the fall recreation brochure online at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org), or call the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

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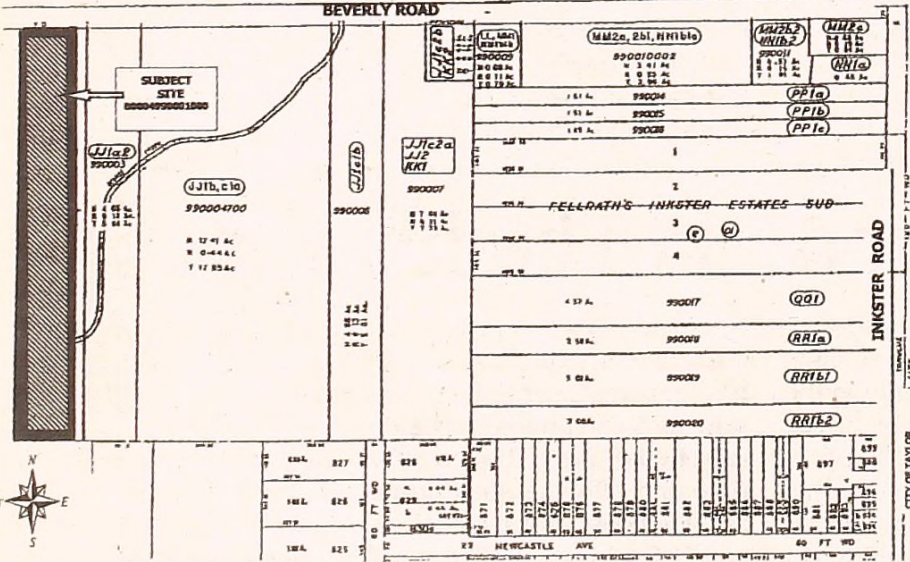
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The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone approximately 5.01+/- acres DP#, 82-80-004-99-0001-000 from M-1, Light Industrial District to MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District. The subject site is located at 28355 Beverly Road. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, October 18, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
City Clerk

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V125-83-085-01-0025-000 also known as 44305 Harmony Lane. The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren, R-1B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District.

The appellant, Dave Frankling, is requesting an administrative review of the building permit granted for construction of an attached garage at 44305 Harmony Lane, as provided under Section 19.07.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

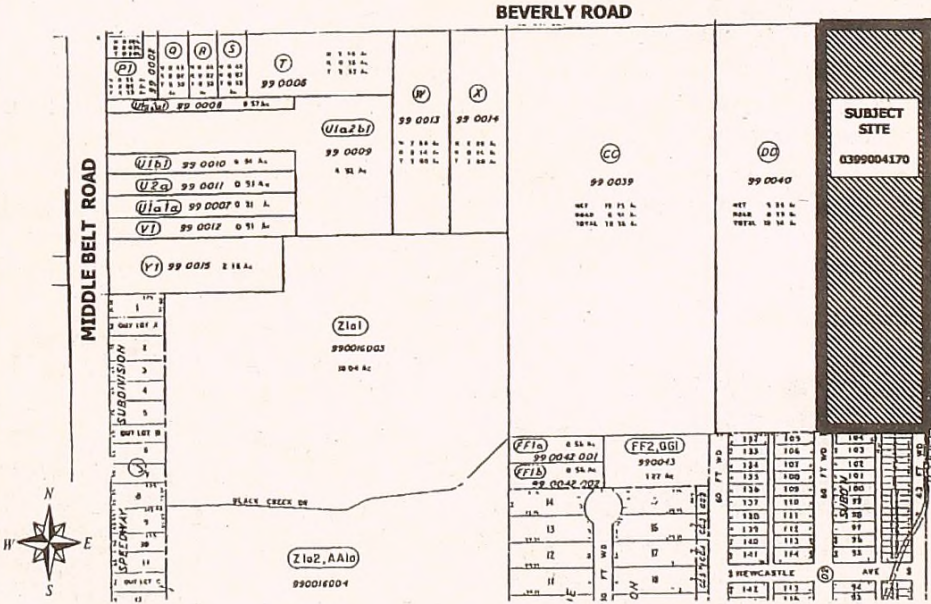
In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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# OPINION

## Behind the curve?

Two weeks ago, we complimented the city administration in Westland for their ability to start a discounted prescription drug plan in the city.

It's a plan that had gained momentum and had been put into play in several large communities – typically counties – in Michigan and elsewhere. Westland, however, was the first relatively small, local municipality to investigate it and make it available for residents.

The momentum of the plan hasn't eased up, either. About a week later, Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced a state-wide plan to provide a Michigan Prescription Drug Discount Card – or a MI-RX Card – geared toward senior citizens and people with no insurance or prescription coverage.

Welcome aboard.

The move was virtually universally approved by Democratic officials throughout the state, including State Rep. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland). He and many others distributed press releases touting the plan as a good step in reducing the cost of medical care. Who knows, maybe the same press release came off the same machine for each of these legislators, a sort of good news 'Mad-lib' with fill-in the blank quotes.

"This is a major first step in lowering the costs of prescription drugs in Michigan," the release quotes Anderson.

"The uninsured and under-insured residents of Westland will reap the benefits from this new discount drug card," he said, further down.

Well, it is a step, if not the first step. One would think that someone who represents the city in Lansing would at least point out that it was something that had already been investigated and implemented in his or her hometown, particularly if that version of the program is better than the one touted so highly at the state level. That's also the case, here. The discount prescription card in Westland is available to all residents, at all ages, regardless of income or insurance level. It can be used at the same drug stores because the principal behind them is the same.

To be fair to Anderson, he was probably just doing his duty to the party, and trying to point out a large issue that needs to be solved. He even offered a toll free number, (800) 833-8494 to his office for Westland residents who want more information on the program. If any do, they should feel free to call it. Or, they could just wait for their city mailing, which should be on the way soon.

## What's done is done

Members of the Romulus City Council face an interesting decision in the coming weeks about Romulus City Councilman Charles Miller.

Miller left during the middle of a Romulus study session last week and then tendered his resignation before the regular city council meeting started.

Now, due to a large outpouring of support, he wants to rescind that resignation and resume his role on the council.

The city attorney is looking into whether or not that is even possible. The council may have some leeway, too, because they haven't officially accepted the letter of resignation, only acknowledged it.

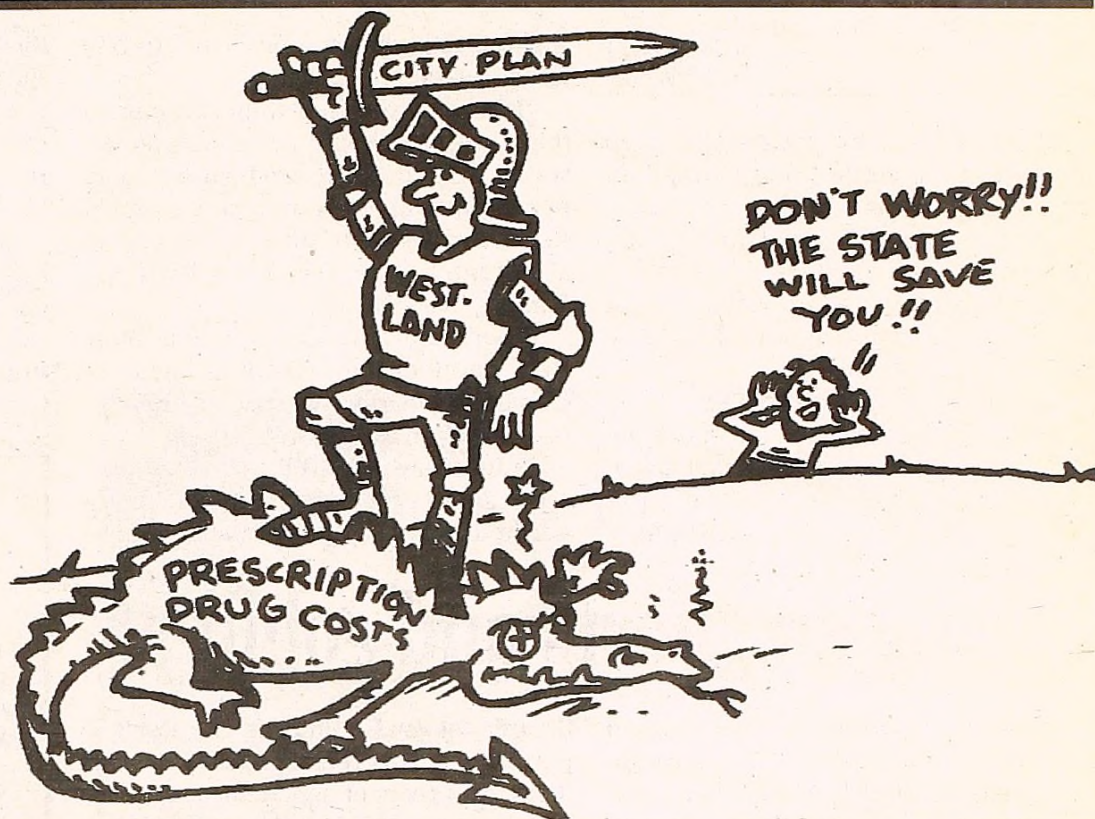
So what should they do?

The answer to that question comes back to Miller's reasons for his abrupt resignation. He pointed to, among other things, his frustration at being on the outside, at being one of only two members of the council who questions issues brought up by the administration.

"I'm not one of the boys," he said.

Nor should he be. Here's a news flash: local politics isn't easy. It can be frustrating, at times. But the fact that you don't get along with all of

See **Question**, page 7



## A whole different attitude

I have always admired Northville City Councilman Kevin Hartshorne.

Back when I covered the city, I thought he had the perfect gig. He usually presented the opposing viewpoint on many issues. Because of that many people characterized him as a rogue; he was often looked at as an automatic 'no' vote and his fellow councilmembers would just wait for him to have his say, and then vote against him.

To me, though, he always championed the underdog. I've written in the past about his ongoing quest to eliminate the fees that senior citizens pay to play cards.

I gained a newfound respect for him Monday night, after I talked to him about the recall effort against him. He and three other members of the council are facing a recall election because they sensibly voted to contract dispatch and lock up services out of Northville Township. The plan was designed to save money and provide the same or better service, which to me is the epitome of local government.

Anyway, I expected to find him morose, and didn't.

He politely complimented the

people behind the effort on their enthusiasm, pointed out that it was their right to file the petitions and even joked about whether or not he would put up a sign on his front lawn.

He also said that he liked the three main players behind the recall bid and was eager to find out how the whole thing would play out.

It certainly wasn't the reaction I expected.

I have to agree with his logic, though. His philosophy was that, if there were 800 people in the city that didn't want him to represent them any more, then he wanted to know about it. Eight hundred people is a pretty big number in a small community that most often has uncontested local elections. He sees it as a litmus test, an example of whether or not he's doing the job he was elected to do; those are my words, not his.

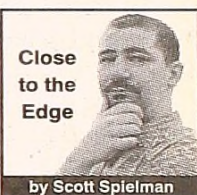
Obviously it's the right of any person to try to recall elected officials if they think they're not suited for office. I can't help but agree with that – it's the law. I do think, however, that that isn't the case here, and it's not because I've talked often with Mayor Chris Johnson or the other councilmembers, Jerry Mittman and

Carolann Ayers and I like them as

people, it's because I don't think they did anything wrong.

The recall is too much of a trigger-happy approach to municipal government for me. I think the process should only be used in dire situations: criminal acts, a lack of ethical behavior – things like that. It shouldn't be thrown out there simply because a concept wasn't popular with everyone, particularly when the concept itself, the joint services, hadn't even been tried yet. It's a little ironic that the recall language was approved on the morning after the first night the joint dispatch department was in operation.

Recall elections are serious business. They hurt communities. It takes a long time to recover from them, even when they take place for better reasons than this one. In Northville, for instance, what kind of candidate pool is going to come out to replace people that have served so well, so long? My guess would be people with their own agendas, their own inflated egos, and anyone involved in local politics will tell you that it is no place for people with large egos.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Start your day in a healthy way

Read anything about nutrition and one main point you'll see over and over again is the importance of a healthy breakfast, especially for children. Now I have to admit that during my time in the Marines, I wasn't big on breakfast. I hated to get in line for chow, so I'd get me a cup of coffee and a cigarette, and that was breakfast. Certainly not what you'd call nutritious.

I've learned, though, that a well-balanced breakfast is a way of starting the day right by giving our bodies and our minds the fuel they need. And

breakfast doesn't have to be elaborate or expensive. Foods like oatmeal, some fruit and skim milk can provide a healthy start to the day without a lot of time and effort. A good breakfast will boost your metabolism. You'll find that you're more alert and energetic, and you won't need a sugary "pick-me-up" from a vending machine.

And remember, take care of your health before it's longggg gone!

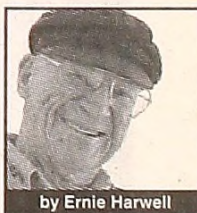
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## Letters

### Political signs criticized

To the editor;

Here we go again. Our streets corners and lawns are being blanketed in advertising for politicians. Enough is enough. I realize that candidates need to campaign but why do they have to put their signs up so early? Some of them have had signs up since May. That's wrong and I believe we deserve better. I want to thank Judge Brian A. Oakley for waiting until after Labor Day to put up his signs. Judge Oakley isn't a politician. He's a public servant and a leader in our community. It's a shame that other candidates for office refuse to follow his example and put their signs up closer to election.

Katherine Hancock,  
Van Buren Township

### Vehicle prompts political comment

To the editor:

As I pulled into a parking space behind our local drug store, I found myself parked next to a quite impressive big black Chevrolet SUV. I had never seen such a vehicle before and decided to survey this remarkable looking machine. It was immaculate. It looked brand new and very expensive. Its dramatic stance on that tarmac presented an impressive image coupled with the promise of remarkable off-road power and comfort. Completing my inspection I concluded that this marvel of automotive engineering truly represented the unlimited technological capabilities of America's Motor City.

Following my shopping, I returned to my car to find the "Black Beauty" still there. However, walking past the rear of vehicle this time, I caught sight of a sticker on the rear window. "Kerry For President" it said. Quite interesting I thought. The owner of this gas guzzling pedestrian predator, the lucky owner of this work of art was a Kerry supporter. I could not help but wonder if this guy who had laid down such a sizeable chunk of money for this wonderful machine ever paused to consider the fact that had his candidate in 2000 been elected, his beautiful new machine would have been declared, by Presidential Executive Order, a hazard to the environment, a threat to civilization, a menace to society and unfair to compact cars everywhere. So funny. So sad. Such a testimonial to our power of independent thought.

Dennis G. Fassett,  
Belleville

### Contributions are acknowledged

To the editor;

As promised, Don Swinson and his family have donated a whopping \$1078 to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue. Don Swinson of Atchinson Ford, with his family's support, deducted 10 percent of his sales commission for the months of June, July and August and gave it to FMAR in the form of a cash donation.

Don and his family's commitment to FMAR have gone far beyond cash. As you may recall Don brought a new fully loaded F150 to our Trotting Tails Walk. Don and his daughter, Selina, have visited our shelter several times to help out and bring toys for the kittens. Our very loyal cat care vol-

unteer, Sharon Benton, who is also a friend of the Swinson family, has recruited Don's father-in-law, Doc, to help with the animals every evening. We are very blessed to have them all.

How far does \$1078 go in our shelter? For the first month an animal is with FMAR it costs an average of \$150 each to house, feed, vaccinate and spay/neuter them. After the first month it costs an average of \$50 a month per animal to feed them, give booster vaccinations and buy supplies.

If you need a new car or truck please consider buying one from Don Swinson, a person who cares about his community and its pets. Don can be reached by visiting Atchinson Ford at 9800 Belleville Road or by calling him at 734 697-2124. If you would like to know more about our shelter please visit us on the web at [www.fmar1.com](http://www.fmar1.com) or [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) for the most current list of animals available at our shelter. You can also give us a call at 734 461-9458 to make an appointment to visit. FMAR is closed on Sundays.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue,  
Board of Directors

### Resident supports local schools

To the editor;

The state of the Inkster Public School system has been irking me lately, but now I know how to express my thoughts more articulately.

The question or concern that I have is: Why are our students failing in the Inkster School System based on the state assessment test?

Why? Parents like me, who have abandoned the Inkster Public Schools to provide a higher success rate for our kids, based on our perceptions, of the charter schools and our neighboring districts that offer school choice. However, in doing so we are taking needed school aid funds and a plethora of parental volunteering opportunities from Inkster to other areas. Think about it for a moment. In doing so, we are keeping the school system from implementing a new curriculum or supplies that are truly needed to produce the future lawyers, doctors, plumbers or nurses that we will all rely upon in the future.

I have come to this conclusion based on having my second grade son who attends a charter school who recently ask me, "Why don't I go to a school in my own neighborhood?" I thought if I could enroll my son in the Inkster school system maybe we could make a difference. Currently, Inkster has a reputation as having a failing school system, but this only exists because parents like myself have not stepped up; as a result, we are leaving it up to others to handle our responsibility. Therefore, parents who have kids who do not attend K-12 schools in Inkster; let us make a difference and change this negative perception. Furthermore, let us all stand up and change the things that are holding us back, and provide effective solutions for educational leadership in our community! How do we do that? By being active in the school and demanding the best from our educators. That in my opinion is the formula to take Inkster back to the top; join me in doing so.

Keith Richardson,  
Inkster

the next election comes around.

Sure, Miller has been a good advocate for the citizens of the community, and we'll be sorry to see him go, but it was his choice. Second guessing that decision would be another mistake for him. It could cause people to question his dedication to the job, and that spells doom for any local official.

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## Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. A.T. VanHouten

A.T. and Jeanette M. VanHouten of Carleton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Aug. 28 with a family trip to Mullet Lake in Cheboygan and then a trip to Top Sail Island in North Carolina.

The couple was married in 1954 at Old Port Creek Church near Carleton by the Rev. Frederick Pohly.

The groom, a Carleton native, was a 1944 graduate of Carleton High School and was a member of the Carleton Sportsman Club and the Carleton Jaycees.

After serving in the Army from 1950-51, he worked at Detroit Edison and then helped organize and operate Ash Excavating Co. He then worked as an operating engineer for Wayne Disposal in Belleville prior to his retirement in 1989.

His wife, the former Jeanette Ostyn of Westland, was a 1950 graduate of Wayne High School and attended Cleary Business College. She is a member of the Monroe Art League and the Carleton Extension Group. She formerly worked for Austin Oil Co. in Wayne for 5 years and then for Airport Community Schools in Carleton prior to her retirement in 1991.

The couple are the parents of Susan VanHouten of Lake Worth, FL; Gary and Susan VanHouten of Mission Viejo, CA; Thomas and Roxanne VanHouten of South Lyon; Jeffrey VanHouten of Napa Valley, CA; James and Linda VanHouten of Greenville and Patricia VanHouten of Chicago. They have eight grandchildren.

Their anniversary celebration included lunch at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

The couple attends Carleton United Methodist Church.

**Charles and Charlotte Winekoff** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 3.

The couple has been residing in Westland for more than 48 years.

They are the parents of four daughters, Cynthia Dowda of Orlando, FL; Cathy Timoszyk of Belleville, Connie Gladki of Westland and Carla Orsett, also of Westland. The couple has eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The couple marked their anniversary at the wedding of their niece Pamala Wrenn at the Gazebo at the Westland Library. The couple was introduced at the wedding of Charles' sister 50 years ago and married shortly thereafter.

Charles has been retired from Ford Motor Co. for more than 18 years.

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# BUSINESS



Ofc. Ken Kline said the donation to the city Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program would be well-used.

## Bank makes DARE deposit

Scott Spielman  
Editor

Officials from the new Fifth Third Bank in the City of Westland celebrated the opening of their new branch with a charitable donation Friday morning.

The bank gave \$2,500 to the Westland Police Department Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, according to Ofc. Ken Kline, who has been a part of the program for four years and overseen it for more than a year. He said the funds would come in handy.

There were more than 1,300 kids in the program last year, he said, which is an impressive feat with a program that is primarily supported by contributions.

"The DARE program reaches a lot of kids," he said.

Rhonda Saunders, senior vice president and head of retail banking at Fifth Third Bank, said that community service has always been a part of the philosophy of the bank. Last year, the bank donated more than \$1 million to charitable projects throughout the state.

"We're happy to do it," she said. "It's such a valuable program."

Fifth Third is a relative newcomer to the Michigan banking industry. The first branch opened here in 2001. Since then, the company has expanded dramatically. It is now the sixth largest bank in the Detroit metro area, with \$6.2 billion in assets. It has 80 banking centers in seven counties along with more than 100 ATMs throughout southeastern Michigan. The firm originated in 1858 as the Bank of the Ohio Valley in Cincinnati. That bank became the Third National Bank in 1871 and merged with the Fifth National Bank in 1908.

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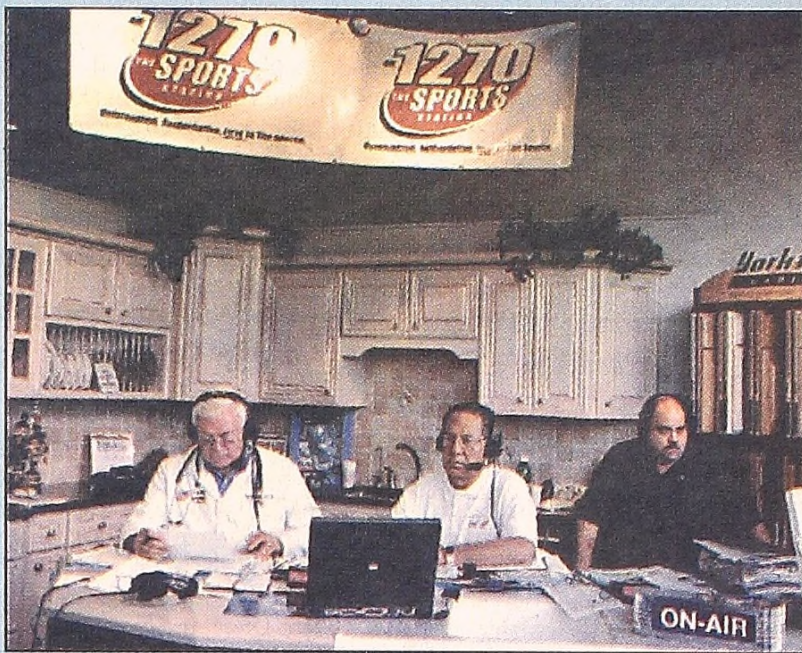
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# Police address questions about Main Street striping

Belleville police officials have received numerous questions about the new striping on Main Street and the confusion regarding crossing the double yellow lines to enter a business or private drive.

According to Police Chief Paul Davis and the Michigan Manual

of Traffic Control Devices, a yellow double line consisting of two normal solid yellow lines delineates the separation between travel paths in opposite directions. It is frequently used as a channeling line in advance of an obstruction, which must be passed on the right and to form a

*Crossing the marking with care is permitted only as part of a left-turn maneuver.*

channeling island separating traffic in counter directions.

Crossing the marking with care is permitted only as part of a left-turn maneuver.

A solid white line is used to delineate the edge of a travel path where travel in the same direction is permitted. The white solid line is used to mark the right edge of the main traveled

portion of the roadway. Vehicles may not use the area to the right of the solid white line as a passing lane, but only to enter and leave parking spaces.

For further clarification, or questions regarding the new striping system, contact city hall at 734-697-9323.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2004

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Lieutenant Brooks, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty-five (45).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of September 7, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 7, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2004 as presented. Carried.

Supervisor King called for a fifteen-minute recess to have Father Hagen to say a prayer over the two new fire engines to protect the fire fighters who operate the fire engines at 7:35 p.m. Meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Service awards were given to Bill Gage, Al Ostrowski, Ryan Drotar, Patricia Ashley and Michael Burgor for five years of service, Dan Besson for ten years of service. Linda Stevenson for fifteen years of service and Dale Guenther for thirty years of service.

Supervisor King acknowledged Traci and Denver Golding their contributions to the Fire Department.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 09-07-04 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, by rezoning parcels of land known as V125-83-106-99-0008-001 and V125-83-106-99-0008-002 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-1 (General Business), located on the east side of Sumpter Road between the southern city limit of the City of Belleville and Owen Street in Van Buren Township noting the following facts and findings: 1) The request is consistent with the Township's Master Plan. 2) The proposed C-1 zoning would permit uses compatible with the existing uses to the north and south of the parcels. 3) Rezoning will not create an unplanned or spot zoned parcel of land. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Payne, Hart Rochowiak, Budd, Jahr, Herman and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

\*(A copy of Ordinance 09-07-04 follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the appointment of Mark Laginess to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire March 9, 2007. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt Proclamation 2004-29 proclaiming October 6, 2004 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-30 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement for the on site storm water management systems to be constructed as part of the Walgreens store at 10276 Belleville Road by Belleville Development L.L.C. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to allow Trustee Jahr to abstain from voting on "New Business" Item # 4 "Consider adoption of Resolution 2004-31, the storm water management system and maintenance repair agreement between the Township and Rolan Meadows Subdivision and Andover Farms Subdivision and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement." Roll Call Vote: Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Abstention: Jahr. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 2004-31 and approve the storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between Van Buren Township and Bayfield West L.L.C., the Rolan Meadows Homeowner Association and the Andover Farms Homeowners Association and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement; after proper deeds and signatures have been presented to the Township within forty-eight hours. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: King, Payne, Budd, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Abstention: Jahr. Carried.

Hart moved, Payne seconded to approve Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Municipal Credit Contract and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the September 21, 2004 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor King ordered the August 2004 Public Safety Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** On Wednesday, September 22nd an antique appraisal fair will be held in the Senior Dining Room.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner.

On Monday, October 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Budget Preparation Meetings will be held in the Otisville/Sheldon room at the Township Hall.

On Tuesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m. the Parks and Recreation Department and the Recreation Committee will host a public Recreation Workshop at the U of M Boathouse located at Van Buren Park to discuss proposed plans and seek community input for the 2 million dollars in Wayne County Funding to improve or build parks or recreation facilities in Van Buren Township.

Supervisor King stated in April 2004 the Visteon Corporation sponsored the creation of the Van Buren Civic Fund, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising money for township projects and services. Visteon pledged to donate \$1 million to the fund with half of this commitment offered as a challenge grant matching dollar for dollar donations from businesses and residents. Letters requesting donations have been mailed out to members of the Chamber of Commerce.

The last day to register for the November 2nd General Election is October 4th. You may register at the Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State Office.

The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. The "Not So Scary Haunted Forest" for children ages two to eleven years old will be held on Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd from 5:00 p.m. until dusk at Van Buren Park. The "Haunted Forest" will be held Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October beginning on October 8th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Van Buren Park. The "Annual Trick or Treat" at the Township Hall will be held Thursday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. Also, on Friday, October 1st a dedication ceremony of the Quirk Park Pavilion in honor of Fonie Butler will be held at 5:00 p.m. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Trustee Jahr thanked Supervisor King for the email she sent to Representative LaJoy related to potential cuts in State Shared Revenue Funding to local municipalities. Supervisor King gave a brief update on current State Share Revenue Funding.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** A large number of residents from the Harmony Lane were in attendance and a lengthy discussion was held regarding a garage under construction in their neighborhood. Items discussed included property lot lines, set back requirements, building materials to be used on the exterior of structure, dimensions of the structure and compliance with building codes and the Zoning Ordinance.

A resident inquired if the Board of Trustees had knowledge about the proposed location for the new Belleville High School prior to announcement of the site. Board members stated they had no knowledge of the location until it was publicly announced. The resident further inquired about the Planning Commission Minutes of August 25, 2004 and how to request an amendment to the approved minutes. Supervisor King stated he would need to make his request to the Planning Commission.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 10:53 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

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OBITUARIES

DICK, Ronald A. Sr.

Ronald A. Dick, Sr., a longtime resident of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 16.

Among his survivors are his wife of 26 years, Linda K. (Carnell) Dick; children, Roanald (Lou Ellen) Dick, Jr. of Romulus and Debra Swisher of Petosky; siblings, John Dick of Pennsylvania, Betty Allen of Florida, Delores (Richard) Bridge of Florida, Ralph Dick of Florida, Donald (Kate) Dick of Pennsylvania and Robert Dick of Florida; a step-mother, Emma Dick of Ligionier, PA, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Dick was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge 934. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. James Bourdouris officiating.

YATES, Mark H.

Mark H. Yates, 90, of Clayton, died Sept. 7.

Among his survivors are his wife of 68 years, Audrey Naomi (Youngs) Yates; children, Deann L. (Richard) Wright of Tecumseh, Pamela A. (David) Sparrow of Clayton, Mark H. (Laurie) Yates II of Flat Rock and Susan G. (Martin) Bilau of

Britton; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Yates retired after 42 years at Ford Motor Co.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert L. Wright officiating.

Interment was at Union Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti Township.

CAMBY, Wilburn Buford

Wilburn Buford “Chub” Camby, 53, of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 3.

Among his survivors are his wife of 28 years, Roselyn Myrtle “Rose” (Kiernan) Camby; children, Russell (Corrie Lyle) Camby and Jessica Camby, both of Belleville; his mother, Emma Marie (Conner) Camby of Okanogoan, WA; siblings, Jean (Bob) Hutchins, Clyde (Karen) Camby, Jerrie Juliano, Ron Camby and Glenda (Francis) Beauregard, Hazel (Robert) Buhro, Gloria (William) Roo, Beatrice (Dick) Frikkem, Darlene (Wayne) Long, Clinton Kiernan, Alverna (Charlie) Godfrey, Virginia (Joel) Champagne, Faye (Dale) Godfrey and Susan Kiernan, and

grandchildren, Shyann and Anthony Camby and Trent Jenson, all of Okanogan, WA.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. John N. Grenfell III officiating.

GRAHAM, Dolores

Dolores M. Graham, 38, of Austintown, Ohio, died Sept. 4.

Mrs. Graham was born in Wayne and was a 1984 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. She served in the Marine Corps and was most recently employed as a high school English teacher.

Among her survivors are her parents, John and Joann Simonds of Wayne, her husband, David; children, David and Erin; a sister, Gail Simonds; a brother, John Simonds III; sisters-in-law, Teri and Myra; three nieces, and three nephews.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Lande Funeral Homes in Austintown, OH.

WOLFE, Lura Jean

Lura Jean Wolfe, 70, of Romulus, formerly of Belleville, died Sept. 3.

Among her survivors are her husband

of 28 years, Raymond Clifford Wolfe and a sister, Thelma Meeks of Paducah, KY.

Mrs. Wolfe was a member of Faith Assembly Church in Belleville.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Clarence Hayes officiating.

LUMETTA, Lorenzo

Lorenzo Lumetta, 84, of Willis, a lifelong resident of the Belleville area, died Sept. 2.

Among his survivors are his wife of 63 years, Violet “Vi” (Conklin) Lumetta; daughters, Kathleen (Alvin) LaLonde of Ypsilanti and Laura (Tom) Gale-Hager of South Bend, IN.; sisters, Elizabeth Bennett, Ninfa Bommarito and Grace (Ron) Trudell; a brother, Joseph (Carol) Lumetta; a sister-in-law, Mary Lumetta; grandchildren, Lawrence (Kerry) Billings, Christopher (Dana) Gale, Andrew Hager and Kim Hager; and three great-granchildren.

Mr. Lumetta retired after 36 years with Peter Eckrich & Sons.

Mr. Lumetta was a member of the first

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PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF ROMULUS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
ARTICLE XXII PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS  
OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921 as amended, (City and Village Zoning Act) notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2004 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Copies of the amendment in its entirety are available during normal business hours in the Planning office located at City Hall. The public hearing will be held at Romulus City Hall, City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, Michigan 48174 -1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider amending the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance Article XXII, Planned Development Regulations.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments concerning the proposal may be submitted until 12:00 noon Monday, October 18, 2004 and should be addressed to the City Planner, Economic Development Department, at the address above.

Linda R. Choate, CMC  
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS  
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS  
BID Bid 04/05-10  
Two (2) Year Contractual Services Contract,  
Asbestos Testing

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by Emailing: [romuluspurchasing@icwww.net](mailto:romuluspurchasing@icwww.net)

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk’s Office no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday, October 26, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

**BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:**

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK’S OFFICE  
BID Bid 04/05-10 - Two (2) Year Contractual Services Contract, Asbestos Testing  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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CITY OF ROMULUS  
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS  
BID Bid 04/05-12  
Police K-9 Dog, Training And Equipment

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(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk’s Office no later than 10:00 am, Tuesday, October 26, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

**BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:**

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK’S OFFICE  
BID Bid 04/05-12 - Police K-9 Dog, Training And Equipment  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS  
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS  
BID 04/05-09  
R.P.D. Van Conversion

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(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk’s Office no later than 10:00 am, TUESDAY, October 12, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

**BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:**

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK’S OFFICE  
BID 04/05-09 - R.P.D. Van Conversion  
11111 Wayne Road,  
Romulus, Michigan

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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graduating class from Belleville High School in 1939.

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker where Mr. Lumetta was a member. Father Nicholas J. Ritter was the celebrant.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

**ARMSTRONG, Dolores Lorraine**

Dolores Lorraine Armstrong, 74, of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 1.

Among her survivors are her children, Michael (Sandra) Armstrong of Cope, MI, Lynn C. Conway of Novi, Kathleen (Thomas) Mayer of Stockbridge; Jerry Louis (Jana) Haverty of Westland, Pamela "Katie" (Joseph) Cocking of Orange Park, FL, Patrick (Julie) Armstrong of Athens, IN, and Jack Thomas Armstrong of Belleville; a sister, Joan Watson of Rockwood; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Armstrong was a former singer

who made two records.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Wesley Duncan officiating.

Interment was at Redford Cemetery in Redford Township.

**MCCLOSKEY-SCHLAGER, Sophia Iva**

Sophia Iva McCloskey-Schlager, the expected daughter of Brian and Shannon Marie (McCloskey) Schlager, of Sumpter Township, died at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The infant is survived by her parents; grandparents James and Patricia McCloskey of Belleville; great grandparents Carl and Wilameana McCloskey and Arthur and Sophia Corney; an uncle, Ryan McCloskey of Belleville; an aunt, Jamey (Toby Eschelman) McCloskey of Wayne; five cousins; two great-aunts, and a great-uncle.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

**WADE, Ethelyn R.**

Ethelyn R. (Cole) Wade, 66, died Sept. 3.

Among her survivors are her children, Debra R. Hershburger, Judith A. Lange,

James E. Wade, Gerald R. Wade and Dolores A. McKinnie; siblings, Helen Kinsky, Charlotte Cole, Charles Cole, William Cole, Birdess Cole and Bruce Cole; 18 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at River of Living Waters Church in Taylor.

Interment was at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Howe Peterson Funeral Home in Taylor.

**ST. GERMAIN, Velma Marie**

Velma Marie St. Germain, 85, of Chelsea, died Sept. 15.

Among her survivors is her husband of 64 years, Albert St. Germain; children, Jane (Ken) Stoalski of Chelsea, Sue (Walt) Pieknik of Belleville; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and a great-great-

grandchild.

A memorial service was at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.

Interment was at Maple Grove Cemetery in Sylvan Township.

**COTHERN, Michael F.**

Michael F. Cothorn, 62, of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 26.

Among his survivors are his children, Michael Eugene Cothorn of Muncie, IN and Donna (Mike) Kinsel of Lufby, MD; brothers, James (Darlene) Cothorn of Radcliff, KY, Mark (Terri) Cothorn of Douglasville, GA, Reese (Mary) Cothorn of Lake Orion and David Cothorn; sisters, Patricia Rockwell of Jackson and Marrilie (Mike) Wysock of Hazel Park, and his step-mother, Frances M. Cothorn of Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
FOR  
GENERAL ELECTION  
Tuesday, November 2, 2004

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN-  
WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Monday, October 4, 2004 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

- In Person:**
- At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
  - At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
  - At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
  - At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

**By Mail:**

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and for warding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

JOANNIE D. PAYNE, CLERK  
734.699.8909  
46425 TYLER RD.  
VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

- Qualifications for Registration**
1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
  2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
  3. Citizen of the United States.

**Note:**

A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 2, 2004 Election is Saturday, October 30, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Publish: September 30, 2004

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
ORDINANCE 09-07-04  
PROPOSED REZONING MAP

Second reading for adoption.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 6-6-92, AS AMENDED, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

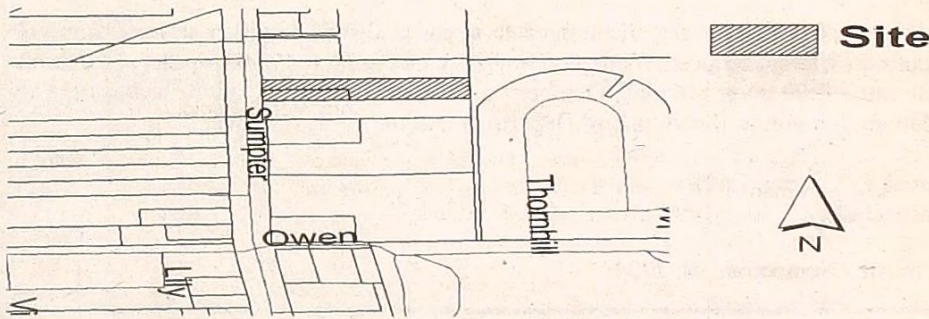
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Zoning Map in connection with the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Van Buren shall be amended so that the zoning of the following described property to wit:

Ordinance Number 09-07-04

To rezone parcel numbers: V125-83-106-99-0008-001 and V125-83-106-99-0008-002 from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-1 (General Business).

**Legal Description of Property:**  
Parcel numbers: V125-83-106-99-0008-001 and V125-83-106-99-0008-002 are located on the east side of Sumpter Road between the southern city limit of the City of Belleville and Owen Street in Van Buren Township.



- Section 2.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication.
- Section 4.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Country of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on the 21st day of September, 2004.
- Yeas: Payne, Hart, Rochowiak, Budd, Jahr, Herman and King.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.

This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 09-07-04 was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC  
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King  
Township Supervisor

Publish: September 30, 2004



# Jumping for joy

## Inkster track star seeks funds for Hawaiian Open meet

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Inkster long jumper and track star Darlene Glass received one of the biggest honors of her career when she received an invitation to the Hawaiian Open track tournament in Oahu.

The big honor comes with a big price tag, though.

The 17-year-old and her mother, Diane Glass, are working to raise the \$3,000 needed to get her to the island paradise.

"We're excited for her," said Diane Glass. "We're going to try and do everything possible to get the money - all types of fundraising. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, I don't want her to miss it."

They need at least \$600 by tomorrow in order to hold her place at the meet and they've raised that amount already with hard work and help from the community including Ruthy Williams, athletic supervisor of the Inkster Recreation Department. Williams said that, just on her end, they have raised more than \$1,200.

"This is a great opportunity for her," she said. "I think we will get the money for her to go."

Once the money is raised and Glass is on her way, James Hall, said she has an excellent chance to win the competition.

"She's a tremendous long jumper," said Hall, Glass' coach for the Michigan Accelerators track club. "She's an excellent

competitor and could win it."

They still have to raise some money, though. Tomorrow they will be selling chicken dinners at Inkster High School starting at noon for adults and after school for students.

"We're pushing," she said. "I would really hate for her to miss this. She's representing all of Michigan."

For more information on donations contact Diane Glass at (313) 671-2184.

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*This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, I don't want her to miss it.*

**Diane Glass**

Glass was selected to All-Mega League and missed making All-State by 2 inches last year according to Eugene Thomas, her track coach at Inkster High School. He also said she just missed breaking the school long jump record by 3 inches but he expects that she will do it this year.

He describes Glass as a determined, fiery competitor who hates to lose.

"Once she makes up her mind what she wants to do," he said, "it's hard to side track her. I believe she will do extremely well."

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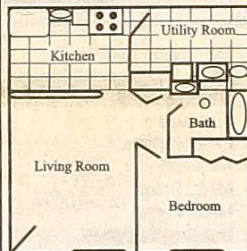
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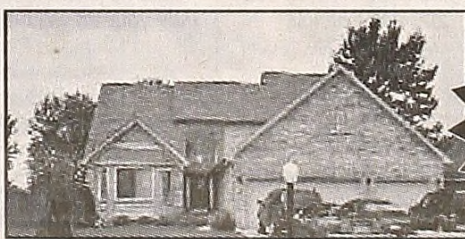


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# SPORTS

## Canton stays undefeated

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

There can be only one.

Two undefeated teams, Canton and Northville, met on the gridiron last Friday night but only one could keep the title of undefeated. The once again titanic Canton Chiefs have drifted through the Western Lakes division on a steadfast course with one goal in mind: a state championship.

But before they could set the controls on autopilot and sail into the sunset they had to first face their biggest obstacle so far this season: the undefeated Northville Mustangs. The 'Stangs hoped to wield their wide-open offense as a massive iceberg with hopes to sink the mighty Chiefs. Isn't that how the story goes? However, that's not how this story ends.

Canton's stalwart offensive line and more than 400 rushing yards carried the Chiefs to a 42-14 victory.

The Chiefs heated up in the first half to gouge Northville for 21 points, which was enough to melt the Mustangs' hopes and leave them treading just to stay above the water.

They marched the length of the field on their first drive to make it a 7-0 game. They then

grabbed an interception on Northville's first possession and scored seven more to put them up, 14-0. The two teams traded fumbles in the second quarter but it was Canton that went into the locker room with a 21-point lead.

Senior halfback and Division I college recruit Julian Smith had back-to-back touchdowns in the second half to make it a 35-0 game. He finished with 102 yards on 12 carriers.

The rest of the ground attack was spread out between senior running back Chuck Schumacher, junior running back Andy Rossow, sophomore running back Deshon McClendon and junior quarterback Shawn Little. Each contributed with a touchdown. Little ended the game with an 87-yard jaunt to the end zone for the 42-14 win. Schumacher ran his in from 69 yards out.

Thanks to some unselfish play by their backfield and quarterback, according to Canton Coach Tim Baechler, the Chiefs were able to spread the ball around and the offensive line was able to control the game.

"They're the best team that we've played in three years," said Northville Coach Clint

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Katie Weicksel shakes hands with Gov. Jennifer Granholm in Lansing. Weicksel, along with the rest of the Northville Mustang varsity soccer team, was honored at the capital building last Wednesday for their state championship achievement.

## Soccer champs honored in Lansing

The Northville girls varsity state champion soccer team received honors from Gov. Jennifer Granholm last Wednesday.

Returning players for the 2005 season were excused from school to travel to the state capital where the House of Representatives celebrated their state championship status. Four graduated seniors from the team, now in Lansing attending Michigan State University, also made the trip.

They had a full day of activities at the capital building before they returned to Northville. They had a photo shoot on the floor of the House of Representatives before the tribute. Afterwards, State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) acknowledged each athlete individually and then as a group.

After the tribute the team met up with Granholm for pictures. She was not originally available to meet the team, but she made

some changes and surprised the team as she walked out of an elevator that they were waiting for, according to Northville Coach Ron Meteyer.

"She greeted the girls individually and gave each of them a rose," he said. They also received a VIP tour of the capital before the team was treated to lunch.

"It was quite spectacular," Meteyer said. "It was nice of

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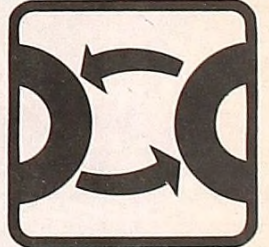
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# Romulus Lady Eagles back on track, defeat Truman

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

After a disappointing loss in a non-conference match up against a strong Monroe team, the Romulus Lady Eagles were back on track when they flew by Truman, 61-40 last Thursday.

Romulus Coach Rhonda Henry criticized the team for not playing with intensity against Monroe and Wayne the previous week but said she was pleased with the performance this time around.

“We had much better energy this time,” she said. “It’s something we worked on and it showed. I was much happier with our

intensity.”

Intensity was the key as the Eagles came out and scored 15 points in the first quarter and held Truman to four. They even kicked it up a notch to score another 21 points in the second to take a 36-13 lead at the half.

Truman came out in the second half to pull within 12 at one point, but Romulus maintained a 16-point lead after three frames of play, 50-24. Truman again had a strong fourth quarter and outscored the Eagles 16-11 but it wasn’t enough. Romulus’ intensity paid off by means of a 61-40 victory in their first conference game of the season.

“Truman has gotten a lot stronger since last year,” Henry said. “They had their runs

but I thought we responded well and didn’t fall apart. It was a good start to league play.”

Senior forward Ashley Sibby led the offense with 17 points; she also recorded three blocks and five steals. Janiece Armstrong, a senior guard, followed with 13 points and four steals.

Senior point guard Paris Hawkins had a solid all-around game and recorded her first triple-double of the year with 10 points, 11 assists and 10 steals.

Landria Buckley, a junior forward, rounded out the offense with eight points and four rebounds in the win.

Sophomore guard Erika Wasson came

off the bench and was perfect from the line to hit all six of her shots, according to Henry.

Turnovers are another aspect of the game that Henry said they are tinkering with. In the previous week Romulus turned the ball over more than 40 times against Wayne and Monroe. Henry said it was better this time around, though.

The Eagles had Tuesday off but will take on a hot and cold Woodhaven team tonight at home. Woodhaven lost their league opener to Trenton but they won earlier in the week with a 75-point game – something Henry said they have to be wary of. “They definitely have my attention,” she said.

# Romulus football passes Crestwood for second victory

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Wade Cook, Romulus football coach, said the defense was ready to turn the corner. And he was right.

Last week in the team punished their Mega White Division rival Dearborn Crestwood, 28-16, for their second straight victory. The win was in big part due to strong defensive play. They forced eight turnovers, five in the first half and three in the second, Cook said. The defense even scored the final Romulus touchdown. Malcolm Rhodes picked up a fumble and returned it for the

score to make it a 28-7 game.

The offense was on top of things, as well. They jumped to a 21-7 lead in the first half.

Quarterback John Sandefur connected with Sam Tillman for a big first down play that set up Sandefur’s one-yard sneak into the end zone. The kick was good to give Romulus a 7-0 lead. Sandefur ended 4-7 for 67 yards.

Freshman tailback Mario Crawford’s 27-yard touchdown run to put the Eagles up 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The defense forced another turnover in the second frame of play, which allowed senior fullback James Kendrick to run 91

yards for the team’s third score of the half. Kendrick finished with 125 yards.

Crestwood scored off a slant to make it a 21-7 game at the end of the half, Cook said.

Rhodes scored off of the fumble to make it 28-7. Crestwood came back to score nine more points to close the gap but Romulus’ defense stood strong. Terrance McKay intercepted a pass with 2:40 left in the game to seal the deal, Cook said.

The defense will continue to get stronger as the season wears on, Cook said.

“Everybody is comfortable on defense,” he said. “I like to design a defense that fits the personality of the players not what works for me. It’s something they like and so far it’s paid off.”

The offense is looking to improve this week as well when they regain the arm strength of senior Ahmad Gambles. Cook said his return should ignite the offense.

The win improved the Eagles’ record to 2-3 with Edsel Ford at home tomorrow night for homecoming.

## 1954 PA 188 Proceedings

### Notice of Public Hearing on the Special Assessment Roll for Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting Assessment District

Charter Township of Van Buren  
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN THE PINE FOREST SUBDIVISION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and Treasurer of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll prepared by the Township covering all properties within the Special Assessment District for the Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting Assessment District benefited by the street lighting project. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the construction of the street lighting and work incidental thereto with the aforesaid Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting Assessment District as more particularly shown on the plans by the DTE Energy Company on file with the Township Clerk at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, which assessment is in the total of \$4.52 / year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Treasurer has further reported that the assessment against each and every parcel of land within said District, will be equal and the same for each and every lot in the Special Assessment District for the Pine Forest Subdivision Street Lighting District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on October 5, 2004 for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing held to confirm the special assessment roll is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

An owner of party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. (The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.)

\*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations can be made available with advance notice.

Joannie D. Payne  
Township Clerk  
46425 Tyler Road  
Belleville, MI 48111

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## 1954 PA 188 Proceedings Notice of Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Subdivisions Engineering

### Special Assessment District Hearing Charter Township of Van Buren Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, OWNERS OF LAND IN THE LAKE CREST AND BELLE HARBOR SUBDIVISION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the Township signed by more than 50 percent of the record owners of land of the herein described Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Subdivisions Special Assessment District and the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan proposes to develop design and construction plans to repave and improve related storm water management systems and work incidental thereto in the public rights of ways within the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Subdivisions and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:

#### The Belle Harbor Estates and Lake Crest Estates Subdivisions No. 1-7.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received engineering estimates showing the cost of the development of design and construction plans to repave and improve related storm water management systems and work incidental thereto in the public rights of ways within the Lake Crest and Belle Harbor Subdivisions in the amount of \$127,250.00, has placed them on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make the improvements and to create a special assessment district. The Township Board has also found the petitions to be in accordance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said estimate of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the petitions, cost estimate and district will be held in the Van Buren Township Board Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI on Tuesday October 5, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.\*

At the hearing, the Board of Trustees will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the Board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes. All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

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Joannie D. Payne  
Township Clerk

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# Canton defeats Western Warriors, 51-23

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

After three non-league losses, the Canton Chiefs turned things around in their first Western Lakes Activity Association (WLAA) contest last week.

They hosted the rebuilding Walled Lake Western Warriors and thrashed them, 51-23, for the victory last Thursday.

Western graduated most of their starting bench from last year and is suffering through some growing pains. Unfortunately, Canton is a lot to handle for an experienced team, let alone one in the rebuilding stages. The Chiefs' defense held Western to just four points throughout the entire first half and the Chiefs burned them for 26 to make it a 26-4 game at halftime.

After the break, they outscored the Warriors 17-5 in the third to extend their lead to 43-9. Western put up 14 points in the final frame of play, but the damage was already done and Canton walked away with the win.

"It was an experience thing," said Canton Coach Bob Blohm.

"(Western) graduated a lot of good players. They played hard and had a lot of kids that were new to the

*It was an experience thing.*

**Bob Blohm**

varsity level."

Katie Cezat recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead the team. She also used her height to block five shots. Lisa Ealy recorded 13 points and nabbed nine rebounds and stopped three shots. Marie Martin knocked down nine points for Canton.

The win was a nice turn-around from the last three games in which the Chiefs skidded to losses against Flint Northern, Marian and Ann Arbor Pioneer. Luckily they were all non-league games and the losses won't really hurt them in their quest for division and conference championships.

They most recently fell, 44-36, to Ann Arbor Pioneer last Tuesday. Pioneer was able to bottle up Cezat and hold her to 11 points,

according to Blohm. He said the Chiefs had a tough time all the way around.

"We didn't attack the zone very well," he said. "Our defense wasn't that good and the Pioneer scored a lot of points in their transition game. We just didn't play as well as we could have."

Canton got their game together, though and earned their first league match up where it really mattered. Blohm and his team hit the road against Walled Lake Central Tuesday but the results were unavailable at press time. Before the contest Blohm expressed the importance of winning the game on the road.

"It'll be a tough game for us—a big game," he said. "Winning games on the road early is going to be important. It'll determine where we'll stand in overall conference play."

All of their big games are on the road, he said. Along with Central, the Chiefs will have to take on Walled Lake Northern and Salem, three of the top teams in the conference, in road contests, he said.

Tonight they will host Livonia Franklin.

## Chiefs

FROM PAGE 16

Alexander. "With us being undefeated, I think it brought out their best game."

Canton's defense, which only allowed two touchdowns in the first four games, held Northville to two fourth-quarter scores. Charlie Thomas hit Mike Jameson for the first score that made it 35-7. Then Northville recovered a fumble in Canton territory. Senior tailback Cody Sivic carried the ball 28 yards to the goal line to set up Thomas' one-yard plunge. The score made it

35-14 with four minutes left in the fourth quarter. But Canton's Little broke free and sealed the game, 42-14.

Sivic finished with 79 yards on 12 attempts and Thomas was 11-for-19 for 103 yards, a touchdown and an interception. He also managed 23 yards rushing on eight carries.

Northville was without their starting running back, Mac Stilec, due to an aggravated hamstring, according to Alexander.

Turnovers were another aspect that hurt the Mustangs. They recorded four turnovers all season until they met Canton. In that game they lost the ball four times with two interceptions and

two fumbles.

Two of the turnovers were at crucial moments where the Mustangs could have gained first downs to keep drives alive, Alexander said.

Northville (4-1) has another tough competitor this week when they host Walled Lake Western (4-1) in only their second home game of the season.

Canton's journey through the icy Western Lakes conference isn't over yet.

They still have to face three tough teams, including campus rivals Plymouth (1-4) tomorrow night and Salem (3-2) on Oct. 22. They also have to host Walled Lake Western on Oct. 6.

## Champs

FROM PAGE 16

Stewart to do this. I thought he did a good job with the presentation. It was nice of Granholm to change things to meet with us."

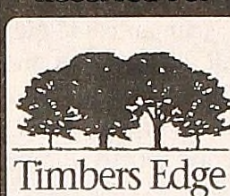
The 18-2-2 team was ranked 18th in the country

by the National High School Soccer Coaches Association. But the ranking came out before the Mustangs played their semifinal and final games for the championship, Meteyer said.

He said the team should be in good shape for next season with his top three scorers and a solid defense returning.

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Electors may register by mail by completing a Mail-in Voter Registration application and forwarding the application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of the registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

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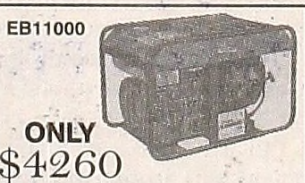
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# Hockey town?

## Whalers win home opener, 5-1

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

With an NHL lockout in place the Plymouth Whalers and the OHL are trying to put the hockey back in Hockeytown.

The visiting Saginaw Spirit couldn't keep pace with Plymouth Whalers' three-goal second period in their match up on Saturday. As a result, the Whalers evened out their record with a 5-1 win against the Spirit in their home opener.

Plymouth jumped on the board first with a goal by Dearborn native John Vigilante. James Neal and Jonas Fiedler earned the assists.

With Plymouth's Steve Ward serving time in the box for roughing, Saginaw's Patrick McNeill knotted the score, 1-1, at the 9:23 mark of the first.

Plymouth came out in the second to take care of business. They scored three full-strength goals to put the game away.

European star Vaclav Meidl, with help from Dan Collins and new recruit Mike Looby, started the third period onslaught. He scored at 9:35 in the period to put the Whalers up, 2-1. Neal added to the lead with another goal at 11:17. Fiedler and Mike Knight notched the assists. With 1:32 left in the period Collins added the team's third goal in

less than nine minutes to make it a 4-1 game. Meidl earned his second point of the night and Neal his third with assists on the score.

Rick Coughell was sent to the box for tripping in the third frame, which allowed Plymouth the opportunity to score their final goal. Andrew Fournier took advantage and put the puck in the goal to give the Whalers the 5-1 victory. Collins and Ward earned assists on the play.

Ryan Nie stopped 33-34 shots in net for Plymouth and secured the victory.

The win was a nice turnaround from Plymouth's season-opening loss to the Sarnia Sting on Friday. John Hecimovic scored both of Sarnia's goals to put the game away 2-1.

The Whalers were on the board first with a goal from Mike Letizia. Rookie center John Armstrong earned his first OHL point with an assist on the play. The goal didn't stop the Sting, though. Hecimovic scored his first goal 28 seconds later to even the score, 1-1. Daniel Carcillo and Jamie Fraser helped on the game-tying point.

Nearly half way through the second period, Hecimovic put the puck by Nie again for the go-ahead power-play goal. Fraser and Erik Schwanz helped on the score. Plymouth's Gino Pisellini



The Whalers' Ryan Nie (35) makes a save against Spirits' Chase Crowder (15) to secure Plymouth's 5-1 victory against Saginaw in their home opener Saturday. The Whalers are 1-1 to start the season.

was serving time for cross-checking.

Nie stopped 40 of 42 shots.

Plymouth has a busy week. They travel to London tomorrow night, host the Guelph Storm on Saturday and head across the river to face Windsor on Sunday.

**New Additions:**

Whalers continued to build their defense last Wednesday when they acquired 18-year-old defenseman Steve Ward from Sarnia in exchange for left wing Jordan Grant and a ninth round draft choice in 2005, according to Mike Vellucci, Plymouth's president, general manager and head coach.

A day earlier, they sent 17-year-old defenseman Michael Kolarz to Kingston for a 4th round draft choice in 2005 and

future considerations. They also acquired 19-year-old defenseman Mike Looby from Sault Ste. Marie for a conditional seventh

round pick in the 2005 draft.

Both Looby and Ward notched assists in the home opener against Saginaw.

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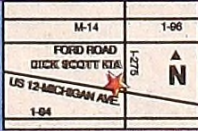
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